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FROM LANDAU

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, SHUM, CI
SUBJ: LETELIER/MOFFITT ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION
PROPOSED STATEMENT

REF: A. SANTIAGO 2475; B. SANTIAGO 2479

1. AS REPORTED REFTELS, A PRIMARY PRE-CONDITION FOR THE
PROMPT INFORMAL EXPULSION OF TOWNLEY, NOW PLANNED FOR THE
EVENING OF APRIL 7, IS A PRIOR USG STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDG-
ING GOC COOPERATION IN LETELIER CASE. SO
THAT GOC CAN DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST THE EXPECTED FUROR
AND NEGATIVE PUBLIC REACTION ONCE TOWNLEY'S HANDING OVER
TO U.S. BECOMES KNOWN. THE DECISION TO EXPEL TOWNLEY
ON THIS CONDITION IS FIRM, AND , IN MY VIEW, THE GOC
REQUEST IS REASONABLE.

2. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS WE CANNOT REFER TO PLANNED
TOWNLEY EXPULSION IN STATEMENT APRIL 7. ACCORDINGLY,
I RECOMMEND SOMETHING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

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QUOTE. WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
THAT ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY PROPPER RETURNED APRIL 6
FROM HIS SECOND VISIT TO CHILE IN CONNECTION WITH THE
LETELIER/MOFFITT ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION. HE
BROUGHT WITH HIM THE FORMAL RESPONSES TO THE LETTERS ROGA-
TORY BY MICHAEL VERNON TOWNLEY AND ARMANDO FERNANDEZ
LARIOS, WHICH WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE DISTRICT COURT.

ATTORNEY PROPPER'S TRIP WAS VERY PRODUCTIVE DUE TO THE
FULL AND COMPLETE COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE.
THIS COOPERATION CONTINUES. END QUOTE.

3. DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOTE THE ABOVE WORDING HAS NOT BEEN
DISCUSSED WITH GOC. PROPPER WILL PROPOSE IT TO MONTERO
AND SCHWEITZER DURING TONIGHT'S TRIP TO THE U.S.
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